

Suicide In OKLAHOMA



Figure 1: Suicide Rates by Age Group and Gender

Oklahoma, 2019

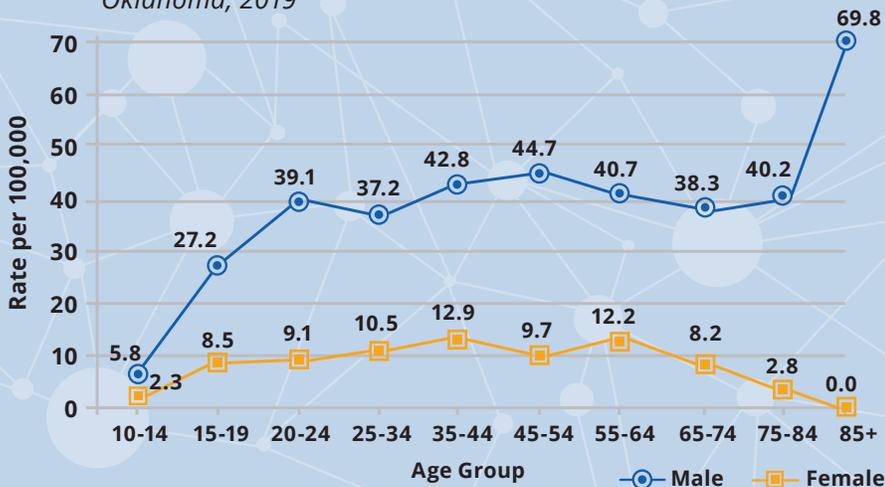
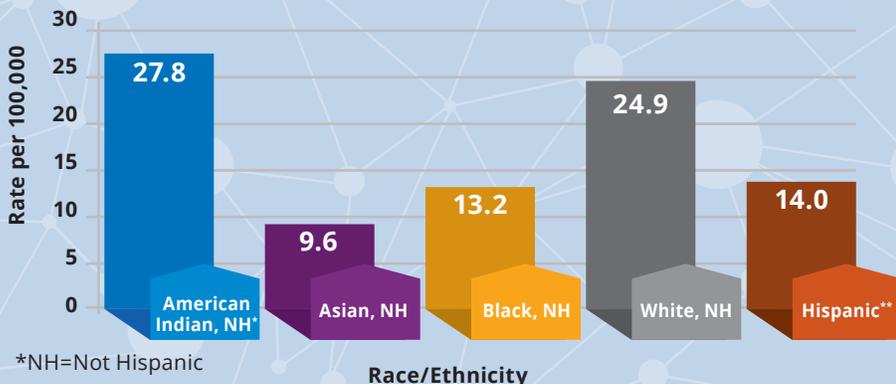


Figure 2: Suicide Rates by Race/Ethnicity

Oklahoma, 2019



*NH=Not Hispanic

**Hispanic ethnicity is not a racial category.

In 2019, there were 786 suicides by Oklahoma residents, 628 males and 158 females. Suicides comprised 67% of all violent deaths.

The mean age of victims was 46 years; victims ranged in age from 11 to 96.

Males had a higher suicide rate than females, regardless of age group. The suicide rate peaked for males 85 years of age and older at 69.8 per 100,000 (**Figure 1**).

For females, the suicide rate peaked in the 35 to 44 age group with a rate of 12.9 per 100,000 (**Figure 1**).

The suicide rate among American Indian, non-Hispanics was 1.1 times higher than White, non-Hispanics and 2.1 times higher than Black, non-Hispanics (**Figure 2**).

41% of suicide victims had a positive blood alcohol content (BAC) at the time of death; 27% of all BACs were $\geq 0.08\%$.



STATISTICS:

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Females had a higher percentage of poisoning as a method of suicide as compared to males, 25% and 5%, respectively (**Figure 3**).

Among males, the leading circumstances of suicide were depressed mood (36%), mental health problems (33%), and intimate partner problems (30%) (**Figure 4**).

Among females, the leading circumstances of suicide were mental health problems (55%) and intimate partner problems (38%) (**Figure 4**).

Females more often had a history of suicide attempt than males, 30% and 14% respectively.

A suicide note was left by 47% of females and 32% of males.

Figure 3: Method of Suicide by Gender
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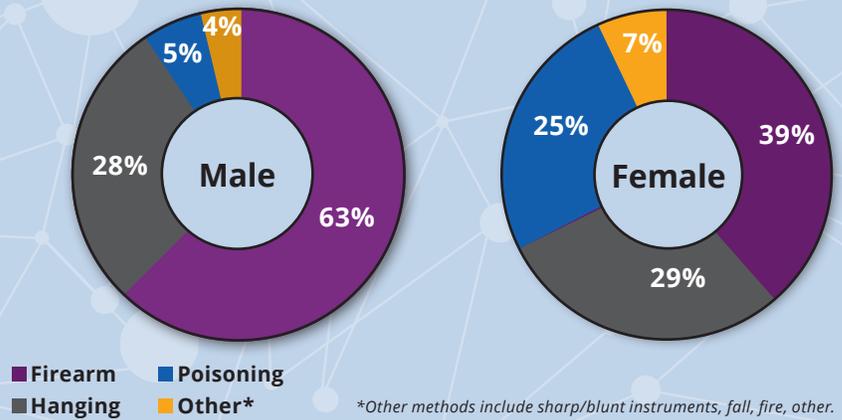
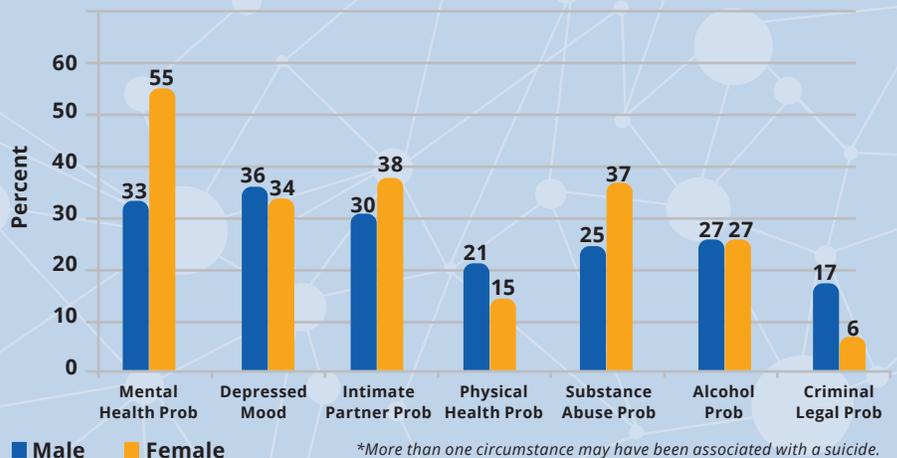


Figure 4: Suicide Circumstances* by Gender
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